

## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

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November 12, 2009

Thank you for attending the Public Hearing Open House (PHOH) for the I-85 HOV to HOT Conversion Project, P.I Nos. 0009295/0009296/0009297, the proposed conversion of approximately 16 miles of High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes to High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lanes on the I-85 corridor from just south of I-285 in DeKalb County to north of Old Peachtree Road in Gwinnett County. In this handout package you will find a project description, location map, environmental summary and comment card.

As you enter the room, you will notice displays of the proposed project. Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) representatives, who can be identified by the nametags they are wearing, are available to discuss the project and answer your questions. Please take this opportunity to discuss the project with a GDOT representative. There will be no formal presentation. Copies of the Draft Environmental Assessment are available for review.

You may complete a comment card and deposit it into the box provided or send in written comments about the project until November 23, 2009. Written comments should be sent to:

I-85 HOV to HOT Project Comments 1718 Peachtree Street, NW Suite 400 Atlanta, Georgia 30309

If you do not wish to provide a written comment, a court reporter will be available for those persons who would like to make a verbal statement about the project. Comments can also be made via the project website at <a href="https://www.dot.ga.gov/I85HOTlanes">www.dot.ga.gov/I85HOTlanes</a> or by sending an email to <a href="https://www.dot.ga.gov/I85HOTlanes">hotlanecomment@jacobs.com</a>. All comments will be made a part of the project record. We hope you will take advantage of one of these opportunities to let the Department know your view of the proposal.

The Draft Environmental Assessment will be available for review for ten days after the PHOH at the following locations:

- GDOT District 1, located at 2505 Athens Highway, SE, Gainesville, Georgia 30503 (Robert Mahoney, District Pre-Construction Engineer)
- GDOT District 7, located at 5025 New Peachtree Road, Chamblee, Georgia 30341 (Mike Lobdell, District Pre-Construction Engineer)
- GDOT Office of Environment/Location, One Georgia Center, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor, 600 West Peachtree Street, NW, Atlanta, GA 30308 (Gail D'Avino)
- Georgia State Road and Tollway Authority (SRTA), 101 Marietta Street Suite 2500, Atlanta, Georgia 30303 (Cherie Gibson)
- Gwinnett County Public Library Suwannee Branch, 361 Main Street, Suwannee, Georgia 30024 (ask at Front Desk)
- DeKalb County Public Library Doraville Library, 3748 Central Avenue, Doraville, Georgia 30340 (ask at Front Desk)

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The displays will also be available for ten days after the PHOH at the offices of GDOT District 1 and GDOT District 7. A copy of all comments received and the Department's responses will be available for public review at the GDOT Office of Environment/Location, One Georgia Center, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor, 600 West Peachtree Street, NW, Atlanta, GA 30308, as soon as their compilation is completed.

Again, thank you for attending this PHOH and for giving us your comments. If you should have any questions or need additional information, feel free to contact GDOT's project manager Ben Rabun, P.E. at 404-347-0185 or send an email to the project team at <a href="mailto:hotlanecomment@jacobs.com">hotlanecomment@jacobs.com</a>.

Sincerely,

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Attachments